

Transportation Commission of Colorado
Long-Range Plan Transportation Committee Minutes

Date: September 20, 2012

Time: 12:30-1:30 Location: HQ, Rm. 225

Attendees:

Commissioner Ed Peterson, Chair, Commissioner Kathy Gilliland, Commissioner Doug Aden, Commissioner Gary Reiff, and Debra Perkins-Smith, Sandi Kohrs, and Michelle Scheuerman.

- There was consensus that the development of the Long-Range Plan needs to set direction for the Department especially with regard to Resource Allocation.
- The Committee will meet in person on the Wednesdays at 3:00 prior to the Thursday Transportation Commission (TC) meeting.
- There was agreement that as the Long-Range Plan is being developed that the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) will need to provide input and recommendations on statewide planning issues and plan development. The STAC will also be updated on the work being done by the Committee via a written report.
- There was discussion on the concept of a 10 year timeframe that would be included in the Long-Range Plan. There was agreement that a 10 year timeframe is suitable for a strategic business plan within the LRP.
- There was agreement that the Long-Range Plan needs to be grounded in “fiscal reality”. The Long-Range Plan needs to include innovative financing concepts. The concept of ‘financial scenarios’ within the Plan was discussed and the need to recognize those projects that are beyond fiscal constraint.
- There was discussion on the role of this committee in developing the policies that would guide Long-Range Plan Development. The relationship of this committee and the Asset Management committee was recognized. Staff was asked to take a look at other DOT models that illustrate how they “set priorities” and how they allocate the resources to achieve those priorities.
- There was discussion around the need for a greater link between the Long-Range Plan, Resource Allocation, and STIP development. There is a desire to fund the projects that are the most needed.
- The Statewide Plan should identify transportation needs from a multi-modal perspective and articulate the connection between economic and sustainable development and transportation.
- Next meeting: There will be no October Committee Meeting. A written report on Performance Based Planning and Programming will be provided to the Committee. All Committee Members are asked to review all materials prior to future Committee Meetings. All questions regarding materials needs to be referred to Deb Perkins-Smith. The next meeting will be in November.